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AAMCO'S "50 Cars in 50 States" Reaches Army Veteran Corporal in Oklahoma

*Vietnam War Veteran from Oklahoma City enjoys free car repairs
from local AAMCO service center*

HORSHAM, Pa. – [AAMCO](#), the world's largest chain of transmission specialists, continued its *50 Cars in 50 States* initiative by repairing the car of a Vietnam War veteran in Oklahoma through its partnership with the [Military Order of the Purple Heart](#) (MOPH).

U.S. Army veteran, William Schipper, served in the Vietnam War and was awarded a Purple Heart medal for being wounded during his service. He was nominated to participate in AAMCO's initiative by the MOPH department of Oklahoma. Mr. Schipper is retired, but still suffers medical issues from his combat military service. The condition of his Ford F-150 pickup has prevented him from getting to his volunteer activities and attending medical appointments.

"I really appreciate all that AAMCO has done for me and my wife by repairing our pickup," said Mr. Schipper. "AAMCO is really helping veterans through this program."

Mr. Schipper and his wife picked up their newly-repaired vehicle on March 26 from the AAMCO of Midwest City, where the services were provided free of charge. AAMCO of Midwest City is one of the seven AAMCO locations in the metro Oklahoma City market. Tim Ferguson, general manager of the AAMCO Oklahoma market, led the team that made the repairs. Ultimately, repairs were made to the pickup's steering and suspension, brakes, air-conditioning system and included an engine replacement. Parts for the repair were donated by [AutoZone, Inc.](#) A complete inspection of the car was conducted to ensure the vehicle will continue to serve him and his family for years to come.

"We service many military veterans regularly at our AAMCO centers, and were very pleased to be able to assist Mr. Schipper with his car repair needs. We feel very fortunate to have the resources and opportunity to participate in AAMCO's *50 Cars in 50 States* initiative," said Tim Ferguson.

"We are honored to be able to be of assistance to Mr. Schipper. It is one of our core beliefs that we should continually recognize the veterans to whom we owe our freedom," said Geoff Friedman, owner of the seven AAMCO's in the metro Oklahoma City area, and one in Tulsa.

“It’s an honor to partner with AAMCO to assist our nation’s veterans,” said Michael Coccio, business development manager at AutoZone. “For all that they give to our country, AutoZone is happy to help our veterans get back on the road.”

In celebration of its 50th anniversary, AAMCO partnered with the MOPH to give back to America’s veterans in communities across the U.S. Through the *50 Cars in 50 States* program, AAMCO is repairing the cars of 50 combat veterans, with the goal to repair one in each state. The Oklahoma vehicle is just one of the first repairs that AAMCO will make through its partnership with the MOPH to commemorate five decades of total car care service.

About AAMCO

[AAMCO](#) is the world's largest chain of transmission specialists and one of the leaders in total car care services. AAMCO has over 900 automotive centers throughout the United States, Canada and Puerto Rico. Established in 1962, AAMCO centers are proud to have served more than 45 million drivers. For more information, visit www.AAMCO.com.

About the Military Order of the Purple Heart

The organization now known as the "[Military Order of the Purple Heart](#) of the U.S.A. Inc.," (MOPH) was formed in 1932 for the protection and mutual interest of all who have received the decoration. Chartered by the Congress, The MOPH is unique among Veteran Service Organizations in that all its members were wounded in combat. For this sacrifice, they were awarded the Purple Heart Medal. With grants from the MOPH Service Foundation, the MOPH and its Ladies Auxiliary promote Patriotism, Fraternalism, and the Preservation of America's military history. Most importantly, they provide comfort and assistance to all Veterans and their families, especially those requiring claims assistance with the VA, those who are homeless, and those requiring employment assistance. Through the VAVS program, MOPH volunteers provide assistance to hospitalized veterans at VA sites and State Veterans Homes.

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